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Kia ora whānau,

Message from the Board of Trustees

Transport projects in the Cranford Street Area - The Council is currently inviting submissions on transport mitigation plans for St Albans when the Christchurch Northern Corridor opens. Most of you will have received an information pack from the Council in your letterbox recently.

St Albans School is a key stakeholder for this project and the Board of Trustees has been engaging with the Council throughout the process. We met as a full Board this week to discuss the plans and Board representatives also met with Council representatives. We will be having another meeting with Council staff and traffic engineers next week.

The Board's submission will be entirely focussed on the safety of our St Albans School children. Residents may also have their own concerns and we encourage you to send in a personal submission by 19th August to ensure your views are heard. You can find further information or make your submission here:

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/show/257>

School App Update

When sending an absence notification please use your child's home base **number only**, e.g., 20 as the field only allows numbers.

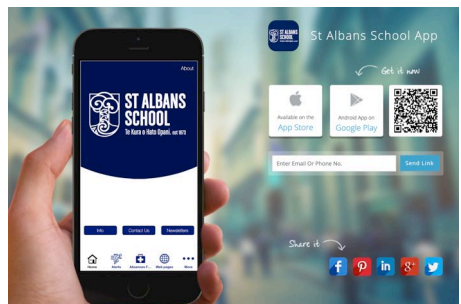
Have you downloaded the new app?

Messages are no longer being sent out on the old version as it is unstable. We appreciate your patience as the developers iron out some of the kinks we have identified.

1. Delete/uninstall the old app
2. Follow the link <http://applogin.ibuildapps.com.au/promo/stalbans1>
3. Allow notifications, as this will allow alerts to come to your phone

Child Safety

We have had a recent report of a child being approached outside a local school. We believe it makes sense to focus on child safety in today's newsletter. As in past communications one of the recommendations we like to share is setting up a unique safety code word that your child knows well. Parents can use this if they need to send another adult to pick up their child for some reason. Children are told that they should

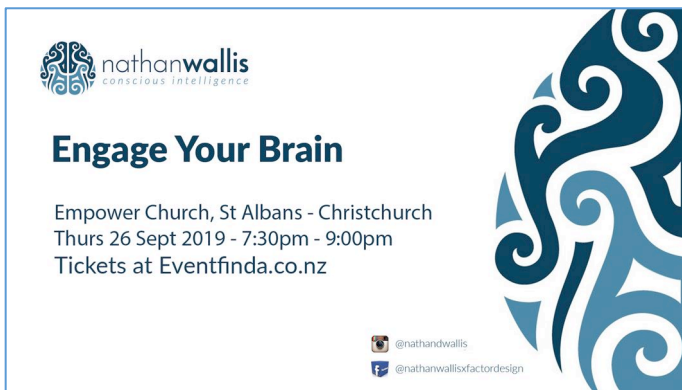



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never go with an adult, either a stranger or someone they know, unless that person knows the safety code word.

We also ask that you ensure you pick your child up promptly after school, or make arrangements for their supervision. We have more and more children not being picked up at 3pm and this puts additional pressure on our team. We understand that at times lateness cannot be avoided and of course we are happy to offer support under these circumstances. It is important that you make contact with the school if this happens.


Learning More About Your Child's Brain



 **nathanwallis**
conscious intelligence

Engage Your Brain

Empower Church, St Albans - Christchurch
Thurs 26 Sept 2019 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Tickets at Eventfinda.co.nz

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 @nathanwallisfactorialdesign



Nathan Wallis is in Christchurch on the above date giving a presentation on "Engaging the Brain". This will be of particular interest for parents and teachers of 3 - 7 year olds but also covers 0 -32 years! The importance of play-based learning is highlighted in this talk.

Nathan is New Zealand's favourite Neuroscience Educator (and host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret Life of Girls") and he is coming to **St Albans Empower Church on Thursday 26th September 7.30 - 9pm.**

Nathan's talks are very popular with parents, teachers, coaches, leaders and anyone else who is interested in learning about the workings of the brain. Nathan has a profound reputation as a lively and engaging speaker. He uses humour and plain language to condense '25 years of neuroscience research' into his unique 'tell you how it is' style. You'll be absolutely captivated and walk away jam-packed with more than a few "ah-ha" moments.

I have attended a number of Nathan's presentations and highly recommend them.

**Ngā mihi,
Ginnie and the team**

NEW PUPILS

We welcome Dylan and Kegan who joined our school this week.

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SCHOOL NOTICES

Student Accounts – If you wish to discuss any aspect of your account, please do not hesitate to email diane.mawhinney@stalbans.school.nz Please do not reply to the email from which account statements are sent as this is a no reply email and will not be received by us.

Scholastic Book Fair & Book Character Day - This year's book fair will run from Monday afternoon 26th August until the morning of Friday 30th August. The school receives a percentage of the funds raised which are used to purchase literacy resources for the library and classrooms. On Wednesday 28th August, we will be holding a Book Character Day. Tamariki (and staff) are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and celebrate the stories they enjoy now or have enjoyed in the past. There will be prizes awarded for the most creative costumes.

Digital Safety – Following our article last week, a parent has got in touch to share their own research into this for their family. They tested a couple of apps to help parents manage their children's digital safety and screen time and settled on Kaspersky Safe Kids as it has good functionality, there is a free version and it works on all devices. There is also a paid version at \$26 for an annual subscription, which allows for some additional features such as child tracking, safe zones and notifications. There is no limit on the number of children or devices.

PTA NEWS

- **Seedy Fundraiser** – Tomorrow, Friday 16th August is the last day for orders - Get the jump on spring planting with a hundred popular varieties of flowers, veges or herbs. Prices from only \$3 a packet. Lost your order form? Don't worry, pick one up from the office. All proceeds will help the PTA contribute towards the building of new playground. Money and forms to the office.
- **Sausage Sizzle Friday** - Take a day off making lunches \$2 a sausage. Sausages are gluten free and there are vegetarian options available. Order and pay before school every Friday outside the Hall. Struggle to find \$2 in change? Then buy a sausage card \$10 or \$20. Eftpos available at the café.
- **Second Hand Uniform Sale** - Friday 8.30 - 9am in the school hall. If your kids shot up over the holidays and you're finding yourself in need of new uniform, come along and grab a bargain. There is also summer uniform available if you want to get organised for next term. As always, donations of good condition uniform items are gratefully received and can be left in the box in the cafe.



Get the jump on
spring planting

WITH OUR
**SEEDY
FUNDRAISER**

With a hundred popular varieties of flowers, veges and herbs to choose from, even the most modest of gardeners can grow their own.

Prices from \$3.00 a packet - look for the order form in your child's bag, or grab one from the office.

Money and forms back by
9:00am, Friday 16th August

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

St Albans Residents Association – Downstream Effects of the Northern Arterial Extension
SARA invite parents/caregivers from the school community to read some information on their position regarding the proposed works. There are links to a pre-populated email submission if you agree with their stance of reducing commuter traffic. Please copy and paste the following link into your web browser:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XymQTZ6Mz4Wc7hjh-n9HXXIt22GcjrAx/view?usp=sharing>

More information and discussion on the projects can be found at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthernArterialExtension/>

Riccarton Junior Cricket Club

Junior Cricket Registration - NOW OPEN

Follow the link from our Facebook page

Riccarton Junior Cricket Club

Boys, girls and new players welcome
Superstar Academy – Year 0 – Year 1

St Albans School, Friday's 5:30-6:30pm
From 25th October 2019

Year 2 to Year 8

From 19th October 2019

Saturday morning cricket for all abilities



For more information or the registration link
contact: Deborah Granger
deborahgrangernz@gmail.com or 021 689 597

**\$65 Family
Friendly Subs**



AGES
8-12

Fantasy
KIDS CAMP

October
7-11

www.livingsprings.co.nz

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REGISTRATION OPEN DAY 18TH AUGUST

**NEW SEASON IS ABOUT
TO START. COME AND SEE
WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!**

Dymphneer
Trent Jones
from Christchurch



Local track details

There are a number of great tracks around the Canterbury region. Find the one closest to you, and have a go.

CHCH CITY BMX CLUB 1PM - 3PM

Kyle Park
Waterloo Road
Hornby
chcbmx@hotmail.com

NORTH AVON CHCH BMX CLUB 1PM - 3PM

Bexley Reserve
Pages Road
nacbmx@gmail.com

**RACING STARTS
SUNDAY 1ST
SEPTEMBER**

NORTH CANTERBURY BMX CLUB 2PM - 3PM

32 Milton Ave, Waimakariri
(next to Ashley Bridge picnic area)
northcanterburybmx.club

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